

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate began consideration of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced on Friday, January 20, 2006 During Adjournment:** Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2180–2183, S. Res. 349–351, and S. Con. Res. 76.

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**Measures Introduced Today:** Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2184–2196, S. Res. 352–353, and S. Con. Res. 77.

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#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Tuesday, January 24, during the adjournment:

S. 1219, to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc. (S. Rept. No. 109–213)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Joint Session of Congress:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 77, to provide for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the State of the Union.

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**Congratulating University of Texas Longhorns Football:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 352, commending the University of Texas at Austin Longhorns football team for winning the 2005 Bowl Championship Series national championship.

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**Democracy in Cambodia:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, expressing concern with the deliberate undermining of democratic freedoms and justice in Cambodia by Prime Minister Hun Sen and the Government of Cambodia.

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**Supreme Court Nomination:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, January 26, 2006.

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**Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

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#### Appointments:

**Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a)(1) and 4355(a)(2), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senator Collins, designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, Senator Hutchison, from the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Reed, At Large, and Senator Landrieu, from the Committee on Appropriations.

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**Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a)(1) and 6968(a)(2), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: Senator McCain, designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services,

Senator Cochran, from the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Sarbanes, At Large, and Senator Mikulski, from the Committee on Appropriations.

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**Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a)(1) and 9355(a)(2), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Senator Allard, designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, Senator Craig, from the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Pryor, At Large, and Senator Johnson, from the Committee on Appropriations.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Vanessa Lynne Bryant, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Renee Marie Bumb, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Brian M. Cogan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Thomas M. Golden, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Andrew J. Guilford, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Noel Lawrence Hillman, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Gray Hampton Miller, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Susan Davis Wigenton, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

S. Pamela Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Rajkumar Chellaraj, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Administration).

Richard T. Miller, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Richard T. Miller, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, January 26, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S143.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. VISITOR & IMMIGRANT STATUS INDICATOR TECHNOLOGY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (U.S. VISIT) program, relating to United States Entry/Exit Tracking information, allowing for the collection of the information and sharing across the immigration and border management systems, after receiving testimony from James A. Williams, Director, U.S. VISIT Program, Department of Homeland Security; and Randolph C. Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### IRAQ

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding operations and intelligence in Iraq from Brigadier General Carter Ham, USA, Deputy Director for Regional Operations, J-3, and Rear Admiral David J. Dorsett, USN, Director of Intelligence, J-2, both of The Joint Staff; and MaryBeth Long, Principal Deputy